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NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP

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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 57 (January 2004)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during January 2004.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On January 8, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a progress report to EPA.
- On January 23, 2004, Dennis Reis, Esq. provided to EPA a copy of Johnson Control's Annual Report for its 2003 fiscal year to satisfy the Group's 2004 financial assurance requirements.
- During January 2004, ENTACT received demolition permits from the city for the building located on the former BV&G Trucking property. ENTACT initiated efforts to finalize plans for mobilizing to the site to repair the security fence and to demolish the buildings on the former BV&G Trucking property.
- During January 2004, the Group continued to prepare for a conference call with EPA related to EPA's comments on the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Work Plan. The Group's project coordinator discussed the content of the Master Index of properties with ENTACT personnel in preparation for the conference call.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As previously reported, the Group has authorized ENTACT to perform maintenance activities at the site to address the items outlined in ENTACT's June 24, 2003 inspection report. As noted above, the city issued demolition permits to ENTACT in January 2004. At the present time, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will mobilize to the site in February to demolish the buildings on the former BV&G Trucking property and to repair the security fence.
- The Group anticipates that a conference call will be conducted with EPA to discuss EPA's draft comments on the SEP Work Plan.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- As noted above, the Group anticipates that ENTACT will demolish the buildings on the former BV&G Trucking property in February 2004.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

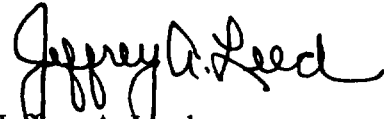
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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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